

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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To: All County Welfare Directors

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FOR DISABILITY DETERMINATION AND TRANSMITTALS (MC 221)

The Disability Evaluation Division (DED), State Department of Social Services, has brought to our attention a problem which causes delay in processing certain disability determinations. These situations involve applicants who indicate on the MC 221, or elsewhere in the disability packet, that they are receiving Social Security disability benefits but that fact is not substantiated when a check is made using the applicant's social security number.

In many of these instances, the reason the statement cannot be substantiated is because the applicant is receiving disability benefits under someone else's social security number; for instance, a child receiving benefits under the father's number or a widow receiving benefits under her deceased husband's number.

At the present time, when DED cannot substantiate that the applicant is receiving disability benefits under the number provided (probably the applicant's own), the request is returned to the county.

To reduce the delay caused by transmitting cases back and forth between the county and DED, we suggest your eligibility workers, at their discretion, ask applicants if they receive Social Security disability benefits under a social security number not their own. If the response is "yes", the EW should include the statement, "Social Security disability benefits received under social security number _____", where space permits on the MC 221.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gerry Senini at (916) 445-1797.

Sincerely,

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